



**Maricopa County**  
*Animal Care and Control*

# VACCINATION INFORMATION



*Vaccinations are an important part of your dog or cat's health care routine. By vaccinating your pet you protect your family friend from various diseases including rabies, distemper, parvovirus, hepatitis, feline leukemia and others. These diseases are transmitted via contact with the bacteria or virus in feces, saliva and other bodily fluids. Some are stable only inside an animal while others exist for months outside the pet - in the ground or on other objects.*

## **WHAT DISEASES DO DOGS NEED TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST?**

**Rabies** is always fatal. The rabies virus attacks the brain and central nervous system, and is transmitted to humans chiefly through the bite of an infected animal. It is required by the law to vaccinate your dog against rabies. **NOTE: Cats** can also contract rabies and should be vaccinated against the disease.

**Canine Distemper** is a widespread, often fatal disease. The virus can be carried in the air, making nearly every dog exposed at some point in their lifetime. All dogs should be vaccinated against distemper, starting with a series of vaccinations at six weeks of age.

**Canine Hepatitis** is a disease of the liver that is caused by a virus. The hepatitis virus is transmitted in urine or nasal or eye secretions of infected animals. Humans are not affected by the canine infectious hepatitis virus.

**Canine Parvovirus** is highly contagious and causes severe dehydrating diarrhea and vomiting in dogs of all ages. This intestinal infection is especially dangerous in puppies.

**Parainfluenza** causes serious respiratory infections and is part of the complex of diseases commonly known as kennel cough. It is highly contagious and transmitted by sneezing or coughing.

**Canine Bordetella** is part of the complex of viruses and bacterias commonly known as "kennel cough" and can be transmitted by breathing air infected with particles of the disease. It is especially important to vaccinate your dog against bordetella if he is around other dogs frequently or will be kenneled.

**NOTE: WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE FOUR-IN-ONE PROTECTS YOUR DOG FROM DISTEMPER, HEPATITIS, PARAINFLUENZA AND PARVOVIRUS.**

## **WHAT DISEASES DO CATS NEED TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST?**

**Feline Panleukopenia (formally known as distemper)** is among the most widespread of all cat diseases, and is extremely contagious. Characterized by fever, loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea, feline panleukopenia is often fatal. It is in the same family of viruses as Parvovirus in dogs.

**Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis (FVR)** is a highly contagious respiratory disease characterized by sneezing, loss of appetite, fever, and eye inflammation. Once infected, the cat will remain a carrier for life and often will become sick under stressful situations.

**Feline Calicivirus (FCV)** is another serious feline respiratory infection, often occurring simultaneously with feline viral rhinotracheitis. Infection are similar to FVR, (fever, loss of appetite, nasal discharge), but calicivirus infected cats may also have ulcers on the tongue and soreness of the limbs.

**NOTE: THE THREE-IN-ONE VACCINE PROTECTS YOUR CAT FROM PANLEUKOPENIA, FVR AND FCV**

## **WHERE CAN I HAVE MY DOG OR CAT VACCINATED?**

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control (MCACC) offers rabies vaccinations for \$34 at our East and West Valley locations. No appointment is needed. Just bring your dog or cat to one of the MCACC animal care centers during normal business hours. When bringing your pet to MCACC for vaccinations, dogs must be leashed and cats should be confined to a kennel cab or cat carrier.

We also offer Rabies Clinic Specials. Rabies vaccinations will be \$20 at both the West (2500 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave.) and East Valley (2630 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.) locations the following times:

Sunday afternoons from noon to 4:00,  
Monday and Tuesday mornings from  
9:00 – 11:00.

For more information call MCACC at 602-506-PETS or visit our web site at  
[www.pets.maricopa.gov](http://www.pets.maricopa.gov).

Any of the other vaccinations listed in this brochure can be obtained from your private veterinarian.

For a list of low cost vaccination locations, please visit [pets.maricopa.gov](http://pets.maricopa.gov).